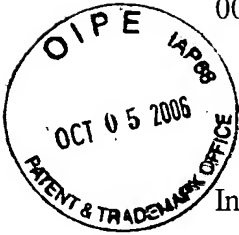


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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,656,571
- (2) EP 718952
- (3) JP 09-054623

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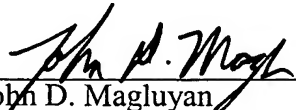
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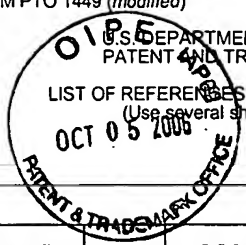
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